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THE council has held another secret session. This time all the cracks and key-holes were pasted up.

the produce markets in America. THE railroad situation is improving. All our people want is unity of purpose,

Every war stroke in the European

a bold front and a fearless demand for fair treatment. Omnha is large enough now to command the situation. PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is perspiring

liberally over the composition of his annual message, but it isn't a caution to the way the office seekers are perspiring who find the front door of the white house locked to all visitors. ALBERT EDWARD has won \$290,000 gambling at Badea Baden. The example

of his royal brother, Leopold, Duke of

Albany, who died from exestement while at play a little over a year ago, seems to have been lost on the heir to England's throne. THE effect of Rev. Sam Jones' visit to St. Joe is shown in the statement that "no Sunday games of base ball will be per-

mitted in that city next season without

indictments following." It was Sam

Jones who said he would not wipe his

feet on a professional base ball player. Wny do not the saloon interests of Omaha force the lunatics who are flying in the face of public sentiment to retire at once from their dangerous position? They are arousing an antagonism which is certain to damage the business of the early closers, as well as the brazen violaors of the law.

Some of the educational moss-backs are inclined to throw cold water on Leland Stanford's plan of founding a college in California and endowing it with \$20,000,000. They say that colleges must grow, that they are not ready made. The St. Paul Pioneer Press tersely replies to these moss-backs by saving: "A poorly endowed college gets mediocrity in its chairs. Rich endowments can make an Oxford, or a Cambridge, or a Harvard, or a Yale in Minnesota, Oregon or Califor-

IF Mr. Hughitt has been correctly reported the Northwestern proposes to build from Kanaard to Om tha by way of Papillion. What is the object of taking this rainbow routs into Omaha, and what advantages of "direct connection" is it supposed to give our mirratants? Why, if Mr. Hoghitt is honest in his desire to "satisfy" our people by a better line by rail into the Elkhora vallay, does he not build direct from Framont to Omaha, or from Ball Creek to this city. A rainbow road which swaapsaro in I us to the south and then zigzags by slow stages to the main line north can hardly beconsidered much of an improvement over the present

HEATING cities by steam in the same manner that they are supplied with gas and water is fast becoming popular. In several of the large cities of the east the business centers are heated by steam companies who supply the steam from a central boiler station. This system is proving very satisfactory. The heat is kept at an even temperature, and the expense is not any more than that of any other method of heating. The business center of Denver is now heated in this way. There is no good reason why a steam-heating company cannot be orgintzed in Omaha. We believe that it would prove a paying institution.

An air of subdued mel meholy is perwading the efitars of tramigvinsorgans east. The Britalo breed seem to have thrown up the sponge entirely, and proclaim through the Econes that "the scepter has departed from the republican party." The party at large are her fly ready yet to a linit that they have finally abdicated. Want they need is a change of leaders and an infusion of new ileas. The floating vote of the country is still large enough to give a heary popular majority to any party which will lead the way to Washington with a frank and fearless determination to right the abuses under which the people su fer and give them a government of the people and not of the office holders.

THE work of exterminating Theebaw is rapidly progressing. The British force is proceeding almost unopposed up the Irrawaddi and clearing the great stream as they advance. The Irrawaddi is 1,200 miles long, and for 400 miles from the central mouth of its delta is from one to four miles wide, and navigable for vessels of 200 tons burden. Rangoon, the capital of British Burmah and the base of the present operations, bacity of 130,311 population, built a the eastern mouth of the Irrawadi. Mandalay, the capital of independent Burman, is about 430 miles up the river. It has a population of 19,01), and is now fortified in expectation of the British ad-Tance. Theebaw is only 37 years of age, and, as his treatment of his people has been uniformly brutal, it is not impossi-Me that he may be assassinated before the British reach him. The war is likely to be brief, and not necessarily sanguine, the Burmese are not likely to show Bogns Scientific Research.

Auditor Chenowith, who is anxious to pose as a reformer in cutting down unnecessary expresses at Washington, has mode some mistakes lately in his work. but he has done a large amount of good in eatling public attention to seen of the Jougous growths which bave fastened the merciaes upon the departments. His has discotion by been that of the selentine prof seers and their expensive staffs who are fiving at the national expense and holing in penderous volumes of govcommon reports thousands of pages of antiquated screnes, comed from European encyclopedias and folios of ancodotes and calded, collected from the diaries of their jordening assistants. As put by a commentator on the recent exposures. under the republican theory of the govevaluent encouragement of commerce, bands of scientific men have been going up and down the land and the high seas, surveying our national belongings, and making many colored maps; men with spectacles have tabulated our tishes, and exposed our mineral wealth (generally after it was exposed by someindy else pulse means activity and higher prices in | mon of a grarian minds have chased the genus sleep clear into antiquity and photo-lithographed the results puttea plants in the south, sorglum in the press and the silk-worm in the hands of the widow under the mulherry tree; veterinarians have made plearo-presumonia a household word and placed engravings of diseased cows' ungs within the reach of the humblest citizen as a parlor chromo. Those who have had occasion these past years to look at government special reports have | teet, we hope that the charges will not be often been annoyed at the vast amount of printing matter inserted which is utterly beyond the province of the departments." The United States has dealt | have the building reconstructed would marshal. So much on that score. most generously with her scientists. The surveys of the territories which are still uncompleted have given employment to hundreds of aspicing professors and enthusiastic pupils. Special commissions gans and who are attempting to conon almost every conceivable scientific subject have been ereated by congress which have called to their assistance their most noted cientists under the various specialities to be investigated. Much excellent work has been the result, and a great deal of important information has been collected and published side by side with a stiff greater amount of rubbish. But there is no question that the scientific publishing business of the United States government has been greatly overdone, and it is to Mr. Chenowith's credit that he proposes

to restrict it to the proper limits. Mr.

Chenowith's fling at the fish commission

was a dippart oas, it is true. No one

believes that thousands of dollars are be-

ing poured out from the treasury in or-

der that "a few pails of minnows may be

carted about to be dumped somewhere

at the public expense." But for all that,

the refusal of the auditor to pass a bill of

\$29,000 for plumbing in the hotal of the

fish commission of Woods Hill, Missi,

because he believed that Commissioner

Baird exceeded his authority in incur-

ring such an extravagant expense, is

proper, and should be applauled.

The poorle of the United States believe

thoroughly in education, and in the col-

lection and diffusion of such intelligence

of national interest as the government

may properly secure and disseminate at

public expense. But they will not ap-

prove of half a dozen pension offices in

as many departments where state sta-

tisties, enevelope lie facts and investiga-

tions in classic fables shall be compiled

and printed at a heavy cost, to be palme !

of on the public as spacimens of Ameri-

can scientific research. A large part of

this abuse of government generosity is

caused by the special commission in the

departments which should receive the

thorouga overhapling waich they de

"Hippie" Mitchell.

nounces the election of the notorious

"Hipple" Mitchell to the senate at Wash-

ington. This brazen and corrupt capper

of the corporations, whose disgraphal

record caused the outraged people of Or-

egon to ratirs him from public a fairs six

years ago, comes once more to the front

and has doubtless gained his election by

the disraputable methods for waich ha is

noted on the Pacific coast. Mitchell's

whole career has been a disgrace to him-

self and a shama to the constituencies

which he has misrepresented. A na-

tive of Pennsylvania, he deserted his

wife and remarried in Oregon under

another name which is the one he has

since borns. Ho early made himself

prominent as a politicien in the worst

sanse of the word, and rallied to his sup-

port the most unclean close ants of both

parties. Through their aid he was

elected in 1878 to the national senate

where he promptly allied himself with

the monopoly tools and corrupt rings

which make up the lobby of the senate

and house. His voice and vote were

uniformly east in favor of every measure

of doubtful public interest, and his aid

was freely officed to the land grabbers

and jobbers whose pockets were filled

from the public treasury. Oregon, in

1373, rose almost to a man and retired

him to the privacy from which he never

ought to have eming . I. Four years later

he made a desperate attempt to return to

the senate, but was traited by Senator

Dolph. He has succeeded in the present

canvass, to the eternal disgraps of the

Oregon democrats, who, according to

the dispatches, "flocked at the last mo-

ment to his standard," and male a dis-

reputable republican whom they found

themselves unable to elect an honest

"Hippie" M tabell will now bear great-

er watching than ever. He is on a par

with the Dorsays, Powell Caytons, and

Tellers, whose milodorous reputation has

smirched the character of the senate for

honesty and ability. He may be counted

upon as the friend of the monopolists of

every shade, and the enemy of the people

in all interests which conflict with his

THE democrats have persisted for years

In refusing appropriations for the naval

establish neits on the ground that they

distract of the republican appropries to

who a the spen ling of the appropriations !

man of their own party.

personal gain.

A dispatch from Portland, Oregon, an-

Auti-propopolists have no desire to return to the days of the stage coach and bull train. They are not opposed to the railroads, as such, any more than they are opposed to any other form of common earriers. The principle for which they are fighting deals with the relations of railroad management to the public, which have been fixed by the highest law in the land, and for the lawful regulation of which the anti-monopolists are working. The immense power wielded by the corporations, and used by them continually against the public interest. is what the advocates of auti-monopoly all over the country are endeavoring to curb. In the end, when success crowns their efforts, it will be found in America. as it has been in England and on the continent, that the efficient regulation of corporate management is of no less ad-

vantage to the corporations themselves

than it is to the public which they are

have no such excuse the country will

Hable to do so at any moment; "

investigation should be made by the

state board of public kinds and build-

honest, careful and substantial construc-

tion Is is an asylum for the insane. The

of the contractors and supervising archi-

sustained. On the face of the evidence

It is searcely worth while to reply to

the cranks who grind the railroad or-

vines their readers that opposition to the

abuses of railroad management is incon-

sistent with a demand for increased

real-coad facilities on existing lines and

more callroads where they are needed

in instituble.

created to serve. WHENEVER a new telegraph line strikes a town of any importance it is denied the use of the telephone. It cans up against an alleged contract between the Bell telephone company and the Western Union, which prohibits the former from permitting any other telegraph company to have the use of the telephone. This contract, however, has been upset in all the cities where it has been set up as an obstacle, and so it will be in Lincoln, in which city the new tele graph line, the Pacific, has been refused the use of the telephone. The same daliculty will no doubt be encountered by the Pacific in Omaha, but it is only a question of time when the courts will compel the telephone monopoly to grant the use of the telephone to the Pacific or any other telegraph company in Nebraska, as has been done elsewhere. It has been decided beyond question that telephone com anies are common carriers, and that such exclusive contracts as that which exists between the two gigantic monopolies, the Ball telephone company and the Western Union, are contrary to public policy and are not worth the paper they are written on. Tais contract, however, serves the purpose of delaying and annoying new enterprises until court proceedings have to be re-

Much trouble is experienced by the government in receiving proper mounts for the eavaley branch of the army Sultable horses are hard to find and their purchess is attended with much delay and diliculty. The qualities desira do in a cavalry horse are not those possessed by a trotter or a work horse. The reguisites of bottom, somalasss, spirit, an Leven temp gram of, which the service demands, combined with distinct psealiarities in baild, are escentingly hard to find. Inspector General Davis suggests that the government have a stud for breeding, to a limited extent, horses of the best strain, shope and vigor, which should be the stanferd cavalry horse. This would encourage farmers to raise a like class of horses and in time would furnish an ample supply for the service As matters now are there are hundreds of sound horses purchased every year and condem sed and sold at military posts after a few mortas trial for no other reason than they are not ones to the requirements of the army.

THE new style of paving block, as deseribed by the American Manufacturer, is composed of a hollow iron shell filled with any desired concrete, the shells being arched underneath, and for street paving are four inches wide and from ten to twelve inches long. The blocks, or tilled shells, are laid against each other upon the prepared roadbed, and the form of the bottom compacts the sand underneath, making the whole structure very firm and solid. The surface of a street paved with these blocks would be about as smooth as if paved with asphalt.

BUL MAHONE is thinking of emigra ting from Virginia to Dakota. Dakota will have the cordial sympathy of the rewas to be intrusted. Now that they | mainder of the west in her affliction.

Mayor and Marshal.

watch with interest the course which they Mayor Boyd is represented by the Hor old as saying that he has no use for Marwill pursue in the next session. Action in the premises cannot be too prompt. shal Commings; that he is an ignorant, in-The chief of the bureau of yards and competent, worthless officer, and utterly docks reveals a state of affairs in the govunlit for the position of murshal. Now, ornment navy yards which he soms up as if Mr. Boyd's aversion to Commings had follows: "Baildings tumbling down, or such a basis and was in the interest of law and order and better government. wharves rotten and falling into the the council would be justified to making water; stone dry docks having to be a change at once. All things being enshored up with with timber, roads equal, it is desirable that there should be and ways broken in and in bad condino discord between the mayor and the tion; water service defective on acuarshal, because good discipline in the count of worn out pipes, and a compolice force can only be maintained by plaint of decay that implies general dehe co-operation of the two exacutive offleers. But we have no evidence, as yet, that Mr. Boyd desires to improve The New Insanc Asylum at Norfolk, the police service by a change of mar-Swora statements, which we publish in steds. The men he has nominated for this issue, concerning the manner of that position were either less comconstruction of the new insagensylum at than Cummings or were meterst Norfolk, show that some of the material notoriously in sympathy with used is of a defective character. The the class whose disposition to parties who make the charges have forwarded to this office specimens of the crashed. Our impression is that Mr. sand used in the construction of the building. These samples justify the charge that the asylum is being built with poor material. Under the electrostauces, a very searching and impartial

set the laws at deliance needs to be Boyd wants first of all a demogratic coworker as a marshal who will use the police in the interest of the machine. This is doubtless the orime reason why Marshas Commings is being pushed to the wall. The mayor's charge that Marshal Commings is benorant and incomings, for if any public building requires petent would be true if by that is meant that Mr. Cummings is not a scholar or a graduate from a college or academy, citizens of Norfolk are not the only par-But it looks ridiculous for Mayor Boyd ther concerned in this building, but the to call him on ignoramus when whole state is interested. For the credit only two weeks ago he worked hard at the primaries to make Paddy Ford sheriff of Douglas county. If Pat Ford could fill the office of sheriff acceptably to Mr. so far produced it would seem that the Boyd, we fail to see why Mr. Cummings rejection of the work and an order to is not competent to fill the office of

> As to the general charge that he is unfit and incompetent, we can only judge by his conduct as an oliver. Why is it that the clamor for his removal comes from the man who are being eternally hauled before the police court for violating the law? If the police force is demoralized or disorganized it is because Mayor Boyd is constantly weakening the authority of the marshal over his subordinates. Aslong as the marshal is placed between the fire of the mayor on the one side and the law-breakers on the other, with the police backed up by one part of the council in patronizing the saloous and gambling houses, there can be no discipline.

> Born sides are winning the same battles in Bulgaria, If the contradictory cablegrams are to be credited. The advance of the Serbians, however, seems to he steady and continuous in the direction of Sofia, whose cupture is the aim in

Both Still Happy. N. Y. Journal: Ex-postmaster Price, of Berlin, Illinois, lost the office because he is a republican, and his wife was apdemocrat. Botheare still happy.

Serves Her'dust Right. St. Louis Globe-Domocrat: Kelley has moved from Richmond to New York, and in view of the way New York behave I herself in the recent election, we

don't know but it serves her just right. Something New in Comedy. Bill Nye: If we are to make a new kind of comesty, my idea would be to introduce

something facetious into the middle of No one will expect it, you se, and it will tickle the audience almost Too Busy for Crazy Quilts.

New York Journal: Mrs. L. M. Wilon, superintendent of public schools at Des Moines, Iowa, has under her charge eight buildings, eighty teachers and about 4,000 pupils. Her salary is \$1,800 She is too busy to bother with crazy quilts.

Gladstone's Surprise. In the Nineteenth Century W. E. Gladstone says: I own my surprise not only at the fact, but at the manner in which n this day writers, whose name is legion numposchel in character and abound ng in talent, not only but away from thim, cast into shadow, or into the very gulf of negation is if, the cone-ption of a Deity, an actorg and rolling Deity.

Revivalists Needed at Washington. Cleveland Leader: It is to be hoped that the efforts being made in Washington to secure the services of Sam Jones the southern revivalist, will prove suc cossful. Washington was never any too too good, and now that it is filled with a democratic administration and eratic politicians, it saday needs Jones, Moody, Sankey and every other successful revivalist in America.

ALL SORTS. A bill poster always sticks up for his busi-

A bucket shop should be managed by a pale man.

"That puts a different face on it," as the boy said when the ball he tossed up hit the cook dust.

At Helena, Mon., a Chinaman, named Ah Burg, has just been arrested for committing Ah Burgtary, The telephone is an atrangement by which

wo men can he to each other without becoming confused. The best way to on parage a tramp is to show him a pile of gord-wood and other lit-

tle axe of kindness. The women are in high feather just now. Look at the tall : u hang has and be con-

via cal of the fact. It is considered proper in Utch for a woman to ask a man to marry her. Kate Kield didu't know this waen she began her

assaults upon Utah.

There seems to be a halt in the march of American civizization in the far west. There has not been a Continua assassinated in that part of the country for more than a Wook.

"So your wife is a conspicuous figure in St. Louis society, ch?" "Yes, indeed. She weighs 3D parids, warrs her hair cut short and has a voice that is a cross not ween a bass violin and a boiler shop."

"What do they do when they Install a minister?" inquired a small boy. "Do they put him in a stall and feed him?" "Not a bit," said his father; "they harness him to a church, and expect him to draw it alone." Proprietress of game and "delicatessen"

emporium-I am very sorry dose rabbits, an I skvir-r-als, and brairie-chiggens vos all sold owd: aber here is shplendit sausage -I recommend dot. Castomer-'Frain that won't do; my wife'll never balleve I s'iot it.

"I say," said a guest to the hotel clerk, as

be registered, "can't you give my name to the newspaper reporters as a prominent arrival. "No," replied the clerk, "we want your name, not for publication but as a guaranty of good faith. Any bangage, sir?"

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebeaska Jottings. The board of trade of the mont has under consideration a proposition from unstern mobalists start a pork packing house in that

The Northwestern railroad surveying corps has arrived in Fremone, and will begin the work of staking the Lincoln extension imme-The Chadron papers are already talking telephone, electric fight and water works for that town. This books presumptions for a

ix-month-sold burn. The crowded condition of Grand Island totels call for relational accommodations, itests are turned away almost daily to seek

lodgings in boarding houses, Chas, Stockman, a peace-maker in Oakland,

Rev. F. B. Lemon, of Kearney, the venerable superintendent of the Nebraska mission conference of the Methodist churca, sustained a stroke of trarlysis at North Phitte, where he had gone to conduct services. His recovery

Albert Yale, who broke jail two years ago at Columnus, walle under indictment, for burglary, was recaptured in that city Monday right and consumed in the steel eage had ventured back to visit his parents In the northern part of the county.

The damage suit of Mrs. Troody against the saloan reepeng of Termusch was concauded at Annara, Saturday, the jury reorraing a verdict for Mrs. Troody, and assessing the damages at \$1,250, which together with the costs of the trin will amount to \$2,660,

The Congregational church at Grinnell has inst put in a SEOD pene organ.

Tipton claims to be the arst town in Iowa which used electricity for iduminating par-The total assessed valuation of property in Cedar Rapids, is \$3,050,510, an increase of

\$1.0,000 over last year. The surviving members of the Twenty-fourth lows volunteer intance will food a reunion at Cedar Rapols December 17. Burgairs went through the town of Dillon,

roboting the postables, an express once and a large member of stores, but secured very lit-tle body. Joseph H. Spellman, one of the wealthiest farmers of Shedby county, died suddenly at his home near Denance Monday from an appotectic stroke,

The latest society craze at Cedar Rapids is a "dairy maids' reception," where arises maid-ens in appropriate costumes dispense all too yiands water one naturally associates with the dairy.

Jerry Richardson, flying in Hamilton county, his what he claims to be the only pass ever the "dead lines" of Andersouvihe prison that now exists, which is signed by that architect, Wirtz,

The Brown house at Earlville, Delaware county, was recently moved one and one-quarter noise. The building is twenty-six by thirty-two feet in size, three gables, two stories high, of thothe style of architecture and alled in with brick and mortar between the studding.

numbers of shad, California Bahmon. Pench-seot salmon, take from, white aid and mad-locked salmon have been planted in the large-and rivers of lowe, but we have yet to discover proof of the presence of any of these is in any of the waters of this state where they have been placed.

A would-be groom at Dabuque on This wed-A worms be groun at Daminge on his west-ding hight was located in the house by his on-rents, and when a messement from the bride is home was disparched to ascertain the causo of the pelay he was in ormed that it was not "George's night to wed." At last accounts the commission yows had not been assumed by the countril lovers, and the young man was still under the surveilmence of a stern father.

Dakota.

Bismatch has contracted to have water works in operation by December 1, 1886. Chicago parties will build a large tow mill

nt Shoux Palis If the city will donne three ners of land and take \$1,000 of sloes. The Deadwood Pioneer thinks that the

Deadwood has received assurances that the Milwankee road will build to that city next year. The precise route has not been the termined, but as a majority of directors favor a line from Reducid, such in all probability

L. W. Stillwell has completed a large, interesting and valuable consection of the k Hills fossils, etc., for Tuff's collect, Collect Hills Mass. The collection comprises a num-ber of rare pieces almost impossible to be re-

A vein of coal has been discovered in the Sweet Grass country. Helena's assessment this year is about \$6,000,000. The fax levy is six mills. The bullion shipments from Butte, for the

Custer county's tax is \$120,707. Of this twenty-two cuttle companies pay more than The Canadlan Pacific offers to build a pranch to denton before next August 14 the proper bonuses are offered.

The price of sents in the Holena mining exhange has been raised to \$ 0 and the memer dup limited to seventy-ave. The rock and brick work on the basement of the new court house at Helena is com-pleted, and the whole will soon be covered ver to await the recommencement of work

The Cow chief, Pretty Eagle, cloped with the wile of Bull-in-the-Water. In revenge the brother of the wronged husband ran oil with the horses of the my Locharto and cached them. The same night the Piegans came along and stole; e horses, and there is mourning among the C ows.

The Pacific Coast. Saze growing is a proatable industry at Cal-

Fresno has a centenarian who reads without glasses. A cremation society has been formed at Stockton, Cal.

There are now thirty-eight free schools estabifished in Socomo county, N. M. A vineyard of 150 zeros, twenty-live miles

In Portland, Ore., prize fights can be con ducted openly, as there is no law or ordinance against them. The assess of value of San Diego city prop erty is \$1,347,158, upon which a levy of 78 cents per \$.00 is to be made.

Archie Farrington as sold all his mining interests in Es u.s. d county, Nevada, to an English com a vy (cr. 35), 60. Leander county (Nev.) ranchers are suffer iz greatly this year from the depredat o is of well and rabbits. In one instance an entire apperon has been utterly destroyed The Virginia City Evening Chroniele says

A new species of ash has been found at Hind's Springs, Lyon county. Instead of the usual coating of scales they are said to be covered with one bair, resenting the furne a mouse. Specimens have been sent to San Francisco for classification. Mackin Goes to the Pen.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19, - Joseph C. Mackin will be taken from the county jall to the Illinois state penitentiary at noon to-day. The offence for which Mr. Maskin will don a striped suit is not for complicity in election frauds during the presidential election, but for al-leged perjury during his trial. For the arst

offen e Mackin was found guilty of complici-ty in the election frauds, and sentenced to the penitentiary, but was given a writ of er-ror, and the case is now before the United States supreme court. The perjury case was appealed to the supreme court of lilinois, which sustained the lower court. A Sporting Man's Downfall.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 .- Jos. Dion. the billiard expert, was to-night locked up in Bellevue hospital, suffering with scuce delirious

The Smallpox Plague. MONTHEAL. Nov. 19.—There were 26 cases of smadpox reported here vesterday. THE NEW INSANE ASTLUM.

Charges that Poor Material is Being Used in Its Construction.

Affidavits to Substantiate the Charges -A Thorough investigation Demanded.

NORFOLK, Nov. 18 .- To the Edinor 1

and you per today's express samples The each of sand and gravel such as are used. for grouting in the foundation for the insane nevium at this place by Mr. King's and with a blind rush the round bullet workmen. Your correspondent wit nessed the preparation of the grouting a that lifted her prow above water result: A mortar box, 4x8 feet, 12 inches | answered deep, was tilled nearly full with gravel. got the trenches made to receive the grouting. sack of Mankato coment (a la homeopa-thic). If you can find any architect, contractor, or mason in your city that will acknowledge any merits in the material or proportion in which it is used, we would like to know his full address. I send you also sample of river bottom and which is offered Mr. King in any quantities at 75 cents per cubic yard, de-livered, the investigation of the Norfolk livered, the investigation of the Abridas editor to the contrary notwith standing. From a fourteen years' experience as a toll now just where he'll come up a section a fourteen years' experience as a toll now just where he'll come up a section a fourteen years' experience as a toll now just where he'll come up a section and the property of the prop practical mason, I am satisfied that when your examiners consider the poverty of the grouting, and the fact that a part of a state we hundred feet in advance of the the foundation rests on a bed of clay, and the balance on sand, that they will agree The sportsman followed instructions, with me that if justice be done to the and a moment later almost in front o taxpayers of Nebraska, Architect Ellis the role rose the white head. I fired, must either order a change of drinks or

I enclose affidavits from two wellknown citizens of this place, both experienced mortar makers. Should the above facts prove insufficient to bring about the need d investigation, i.e. one made by a board of practical incchanics, you will hear from me again. Respectfully yours, in suppression of scuidurgery. FRANK MARKS.

STATE OF NESBASKA, S. Madison County, S. L. Edward F. Wolfer, being duly sworn, men oath state that during a part of the menths of Scotumber and October I worked days withessed the workmen using the d taken from the excavation of the much ashes, much of which being larget mixed with clay and some times black

Enwant F. Wotern,
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to
before me this 16th day of November, 18-5,
F. P. Wierrox, Notary Public, APPEDAVET OF JOHN JORDAN.

TATE OF SEBBASKS, 188. MADISON COUNTY, 188, I, John Jordan, being duly sworn upon eath, state that during the month of Octo-ber, 18 5 I worked on and about the asylum building at Norrolk, Nebraska, and at differ out times for several days witnessed the man ner in which the workings preprind the growing. In mixing the growing they used one half gravel and one half sand loam. taken from the excavation made for the asy han building into which they placed the cement, putting one hundred and twenty points of Mankato cement in each guage,

4 feet by 5 feet, 12 inches deep.

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JOHN X JOHDAN. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 12th day of November, 1833, Grouge N. Berrs,

On a War Footing. About the most difficult statistics to gather are those showing the arm d strength of the different nations of Eurone. Estimates of the number of troops which each country could put into the field in time of war are necessarily large conjectural. The following diagram will, however, show approximately the strength on paper in disciplined and crmed men which are available for ac ave service.

France

Italy Austria-Hungary

Servia

Roumania

Greece

Germany heads the list with 2,650,000;

rance, 3, 500,014, Russia, 2,550,014; Italy, 1,940,000; Austria-Humgary, 1,026,030; Great Britain, 637,0%; Turkey, 410,000; Spain, 400,000; Servia, \$10,000; Romas-100,000; Greece, 50,000; Bulgaria, 50.030. Some of those figures mean a great

deal more than others, the German, French and Austrian armies could be mobilized and at work in one-tenth the time that Russia or Italy would consume. rope; it may mean a great deal and it may mean nothing. The ezar had great difficulty in getting men enough Torkey during the last war to drive the sultan into the treaty of San Stefano. alv and Austria are both unknown fac-Their claims are large, but their power may or may not be there. It is certain the Austrian army is a vasily different force in 1835 from what it was in 1866. England's tighting strength, as ev ery one understands, is not on land, but on sea. Her navy puts her, despite her small army, fully abreast of either of the

Shooting the White Whale.

New York Sun: There are few even ings in August when a lire is not ac ceptable here, yet 350 years 1120, when Jacques Cartier sailed into these waters, he gave them the name of Bay of Heats The Indian name is muca to be preferred and more to the purpose, being Ec Ke-lman Nemache, or the bay or sea of fish. Every other man about Chaleurs is a tisherman, and those was are not usherman are in the fish-curing business or in some way connected with the great industry The other morning, before New York-ers were awake, I found myself-gliding down toward too Gulf of St. Lawrence in a trim and as fleet a fore-and-after to it was ever my good fortune to meet. Everything had suddenly been planned beforehand, and after a thirty-mile ron the schooner sounded to of a rocky point, and a boat appearing, we took her and were soon lauded in the cabin of a

parts. "What time shall we start, Sandy?" neked my friend. "In about an hour," replied the fish-

famous guide and fisherman of those

erman; "then the tide's in check "I ve brought no tackle," I suggested. "Ye don't want tackle for the white said Sandy with a laugh. There's the tackle for them." d, taking up an old-fashioned rifle and

blowing down the barrel.

By the time a broiled, sea trout dinner had been disposed of the tide was full, and, following the lisherman, we went down into the little cove before his house where a heavy boat was jerking at its mooring as if anxious to be of. The old

man gave each of us a ritle. They ain't protty guns, that's a fact," said Sandy, as he trammed aft the sail and the boat bore away, "but they're shooters

and don't you forget it."
"There you go," whispered the old man as a strong, loud pull came over the water and a faint cloud of spray drifted the other and a faint cloud of spray drifted the orest of a wave. "Steady!" and spray designed the old man let the sheet run and seized his rife. The next moment a round, blue white hide popped up just off the long. There was a crash as if a cannon had expladed, and the huge form of a belong rose bodily four feet at least into the air, and fell back with a sounding

it winged him," shouted the old man. The assignal was whirling about in an erratic manner, beating the water with

Look out for him! he's a comin'-

few days ago, and the following was the erman, who was pushing on the oar that ed for a rudder. The pass rose, and amid the spray The massenger got the rose, and amid the spray from and sand of (like sample). The so-called danger, and, the old man rose and sent sand was dug and shoveled out of the another builet into the white target "They're hard to kill if you don't fetch up and I'll give him the lance."

The whale was still making the water four when the prow of the boat ran along sale. A quick blow—the water was blood of the beautiful creature. A few more blows and it was best followay for another. There's your chance," said the fisher-

cama a hun fred yards

moment later almost in front of of the most remarkable changes that come sometimes to green hands the bullet struck the white whale Asingle leap in the air and The old porpoise shooter it was dead. dropped the our and insisted on shaking "Wall, you,ve been at this busimees before. There ain't no use a denyin of it; you never could have hit that critics of you hadn't " So greatness is thrust upon some people, and, as I did not shoot again, I came away with a proud record as an old beluga-shooter, The others took two more whales be-fore the day ended, and for off-hand shooting it must be said that the exhibition was a fine one. It was interesting to note how accurately the fisherman guaged the power of the animal to remain under water. He hit it every time, and his own statement that be rarely missed could be well taken. The whales were finally taken in tow and hauled up on the

The white whale, better known as the belaga, is very common in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and several hundred miles up the river. The adults are about ofteen feet long, with pearl blue-white color, the young being spotted or marbled. The beings is quite valuable in trade, the oil being adapted to certain kinds of ma-chinery, and the skin is made into a curious kind of leather. The meat is eaten by some and it is said that a company is forming to export it like beef, and in re-ality there is no reason why it should not be done. The beluga is a milk-giving animal, and the meat is good and nutritions, and not all fishy.

A CANNIBAL'S TRIAL.

The Colorado Man-Easer to be Retried-Brief History of His Crime. The case of Al. Packer, who is better known as the "Colorado cannibal," was acted upon in the state supreme court of Colorado a few days ago, and the action of the district court of Hillsdale county was reversed. Parker was sentenced to be hanged on May 1, 1883, but his coun sel obtained a stay of the execution on round of the unconstitutionality of law under which he was condemn d. In the winter of 1.7. Park r and 1.73 companions started overland from Sait ke to the San Juan country in Colorado. The country was then almost un-known and the party got lost in Lac mountains, going for several days with-out food. One day, in his des-paration, Parker killed his halfstarved companions and then for sixty days thereafter subsisted on their flesh. Packer dried some of the "meat," and carrying it with him, finally reached the Los Pinos Indian agency in the Uncomnabore valley. There he related a story that he and his companions had become parated, and they had probably reached some other set I ment. Packer egan to spend money tavisity, and one day, while drunk, revealed enough to ereate the suspicion that all was not right between Packer and the men who were with him. Gon, Charles Alams, who was then agent at Los Pinos made an investigation and found the mutilated emains of the five men where Packer and left them, after having first donu led them of their flesh. Packer was place under arrest and admitted baying kined his companions, but stated to be had his companions, but stated tid been compelled to in self-defense. commed in a rickety log jail at Sagnache, nd one day, not very many weeks after his arrest, he escaved and made his way

out of the country. It was nine years before he was heard of again, and that was when he was arrestell in Wyoning, where he was en-gaged on a ranch. No criminal ever craited so much interest in Colorado There was no difficulty in obtaining proof to convict him, and Judge Gerry seteneed him to death. Within five day of his execution the supreme court de cide I the law under which he was con-

vieted to be unconstitutional Almost three years have passe I and the courts have just reached his case again. It s long confinement in jail has broken down his health, and instead of a fierce look no man cater, he is in reality a fit subject for the grave. He will now be re-tried under the law for manslaugater, and is convicted can be sentenced to a term of ten years in the penitentiary.

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